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(PCT Article 17(3)(a) and Rule 40.1)

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1. This International Searching Authority

- (i) considers that there are 6 (number of) inventions claimed in the international application covered by the claims indicated ~~below~~ on the extra sheet:

and it considers that the international application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention (Rules 13.1, 13.2 and 13.3) for the reasons indicated ~~below~~ on the extra sheet:

- (ii) ☒ has carried out a partial international search (see Annex) ☐ will establish the international search report on those parts of the international application which relate to the invention first mentioned in claims Nos.:

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- (iii) will establish the international search report on the other parts of the international application only if, and to the extent to which, additional fees are paid

2. The applicant is hereby invited, within the time limit indicated above, to pay the amount indicated below:

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Fee per additional invention number of additional inventions total amount of additional fees

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The applicant is informed that, according to Rule 40.2(c), the payment of any additional fee may be made under protest, i.e., a reasoned statement to the effect that the international application complies with the requirement of unity of invention or that the amount of the required additional fee is excessive.

3. ☐ Claim(s) Nos. _____ have been found to be unsearchable under Article 17(2)(b) because of defects under Article 17(2)(a) and therefore have not been included with any invention.

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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. Claims: 1-40

A page retrieval method for entering non-standard URL addresses into a WWW browser URL entry field.

2. Claims: 41-48

A server system for converting input information provided to it into a WWW site address.

3. Claims: 49-77

A software unit adding at least one functionality to a user interface of a www browser.

4. Claims: 78-80

A page retrieval method where the WWW browser entry field information is spell corrected.

5. Claim : 81

A method of accessing an internet resource where the WWW browser entry field information does not even comprise a partial address.

6. Claims: 82-85

A method of e-mail addressing.

The international searching authority is of the opinion that six inventions are claimed in the present application SAE 223897 (PCT/IL 99/00055) and therefore the application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention as set forth in the PCT regulations Rule 13(1) PCT:

Subject 1. Claims 1-40 : A page retrieval method for entering on-standard URL addresses into a WWW browser URL entry field.

Subject 2. Claims 41-48 : A server system for converting input information provided to it into a WWW site address.

Subject 3. Claims 49-77 : A software unit adding at least one

functionality to a user interface of a www browser.

Subject 4. Claims 79-80 : A page retrieval method where the WWW browser entry field information is spell corrected.

Subject 5. Claim 81 : A method of accessing an internet resource where the WWW browser entry field information does not even comprise a partial address.

Subject 6. Claims 82-85 : A method of e-mail addressing.

This opinion is based on the following reasons:

1. The prior art document by T. Takada discloses a multilingual www page retrieval and exchanging system, where information can be entered associated with a web site. Web pages incorporating non-latin characters can be displayed on the www browser.

It can be seen from the above that the remaining technical feature of claim 1, representing the group of claims 1-40 is that of entering information into a WWW browser URL entry field which is not a WWW address and where said information is also of a non-Latin language. This technical feature can thus be considered as a Special Technical Feature as defined by Rule 13(2) PCT, characterizing of the first subject.

The objective problem corresponding to claim 1 could thus be said to be that of entering information into a WWW browser URL entry field which are non standard URL addresses. The remaining claims in the group point to possibly different objective problems.

2. The claims of the second group (41-48) evidently contain totally different technical features, unrelated to the technical features of the first group (1-40). The technical features of the second group solve a different problem. Thus no common or corresponding special technical features in the sense of Rule 13(2) PCT can be seen and therefore the requirement of unity of invention is not fulfilled.

3. A similar consideration applies also with regard to any pair of groups of claims indicated above.

In conclusion, therefore, the six groups of claims are not linked by common or corresponding special technical features and define six different inventions not linked by a single general inventive concept.

The application, hence, does not meet the requirements of Unity of Invention as defined in Rule 13(1) & (2) PCT.

The search has been performed, according to Art. 17(3)(a) PCT, on those parts of the international application which relates to the

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invention first mentioned in the claims (i.e. claims 1-40).

**Annex to Form PCT/ISA/206
COMMUNICATION RELATING TO THE RESULTS
OF THE PARTIAL INTERNATIONAL SEARCH**

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1. The present communication is an Annex to the invitation to pay additional fees (Form PCT/ISA/206). It shows the results of the international search established on the parts of the international application which relate to the invention first mentioned in claims Nos.:
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2. This communication is not the international search report which will be established according to Article 18 and Rule 43.
3. If the applicant does not pay any additional search fees, the information appearing in this communication will be considered as the result of the international search and will be included as such in the international search report.
4. If the applicant pays additional fees, the international search report will contain both the information appearing in this communication and the results of the international search on other parts of the international application for which such fees will have been paid.

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category °	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	TAKADA T: "Multilingual information exchange through the World-Wide Web" COMPUTER NETWORKS AND ISDN SYSTEMS, vol. 27, no. 2, 1 November 1994, page 235-241 XP004037994 see the whole document -----	1-40
A	HAHN M: "UNIFORM RESOURCE LOCATORS" EDPACS, vol. 23, no. 6, 1 December 1995, pages 8-13, XP000566203 see page 11, line 38 - page 12, line 16 -----	1-40

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Patent family members are listed in annex.

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